

15. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the storing step includes storing one connection identifier in the information element for every container for useful data packets.

16. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the storing step includes storing in a header of the information element a type of fields contained in the information element.

17. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the storing step includes storing in the information element a length of the information element.

18. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the storing step includes storing in the information element a field indicating for two other fields whether the two other fields specify: one connection ID and for a number of useful data packets for the one connection ID, or two connection IDs.

19. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein a connection between the master station and the one of the subscribers stipulates whether containers for useful data packets in the transmission frame are filled with a plurality of control data packets.

20. (New) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:
allocating terminal resources per subscriber or per subscriber terminal, the subscriber or subscriber terminal selecting the useful data packets of different connections.

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1-10 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE00/00374. This Preliminary Amendment also cancels, without prejudice, claims 1-10 in the annex of the International Preliminary Examination Report, and adds new claims 11-20. The new claims conform the claims to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

The amendments to the specification and abstract reflected in the substitute specification are to conform the specification and abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules, and do not introduce new matter into the application.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE00/00374 includes an International Search Report, issued July 27, 2000, a copy of which is included. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were considered by the Examiner in the underlying PCT application.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE00/00374 also includes an International Preliminary Examination Report, issued May 14, 2001. A translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report and annex thereto is included herewith.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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